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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) For the results obtained at the laboratory of the Agricultural College, Coimbatore, the hon. Member is referred to an extract from the Monthly Digest of the operations of the Agricultural Department for October 1922, quoted by the then Minister for Development in his speech at the meeting of the Council held on the 20th March 1923. Experiments on a larger scale are now in progress at the College, and it is hoped that the results of these will be available shortly.

District Board.

Taluk Board, Salem.

147 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether a candidate, who was defeated at an election to the Salem Taluk Board, was nominated to it and whether he is a relation of the Vice-President of the District Board ?

A.—The Government have no information. Members of taluk boards are appointed by the President of the District Board.

Empire Exhibition.

The British Empire Exhibition.

148 *Q.*—Mr. S. Satyamurti : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money to be spent on account of the participation of the Madras Government in the British Empire Exhibition, in employing servants for working in connexion with the Exhibition and to be paid by the Madras Government ;

(*b*) the officer or officers who will employ these servants ; and

(*c*) whether it is understood that all these appointments should be made from amongst the British unemployed ?

A.—(*a*) The expenditure in England on the employment of attendants and other servants in the Madras Court is estimated at Rs. 30,000.

(*b*) The Special Officer appointed by the Government in connexion with the Exhibition.

(*c*) There is no such understanding.

Famine.

Certain papers to be laid on the table.

149 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur P. Kesava Pillai : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to lay on the table—

(*a*) the reports of the Collectors of Bellary and Anantapur districts submitted to the Board of Revenue under section 35 (*a*) of the Madras Famine Code (1905) ;